

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on February 18, 2004. Claim 48 is amended. Claim 47 is cancelled. As a result, claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-17, 24-25, 32-46, and 48-67 are now pending in this patent application.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 47 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for obviousness over Schmidt ('932) in view of Sheldon et al. ('602). Claim 47 has been cancelled, thereby mooted this basis of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 48 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 48 to include all of the language of previously-pending claim 47. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 48 is allowable, as indicated by the Examiner, and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 48.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6951 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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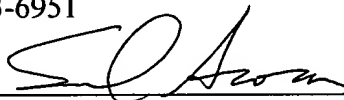
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